

STATEMENT OF THOMAS EARL WILLIAMS A/K/A "IKE"

Today's date is August 14, 1996, the time is now 10:50 A. M. The location is the Winona Police Department. The following is a voluntary statement from Thomas Earl Williams a/k/a "Ike". This is a voluntary statement given to John Johnson, Investigator with the District Attorney's office, and Mr. Jerry Butler, Investigator with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

Johnson: Ike, I want to ask you, have you ever sold a gun of any kind to Doyle Simpson?

Williams: Yes. I have.

Johnson: What kind of gun did you sell him?

Williams: It was a 380 automatic hand gun.

Johnson: Do you know what brand name it was?

Williams: No. I don't know exactly what brand the thing was. I'm not going to tell you I do when I don't.

Johnson: Was it chrome, stainless steel, or blue steel?

Williams: No. It was a black hand gun.

Johnson: It looked black?

Williams: Yes, Sir. That is what it was.

Johnson: It was an automatic with a clip in it?

Williams: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: What caliber was it?

Williams: What do you mean by caliber?

Johnson: 9mm, 380?

Williams: 380

Johnson: About how long ago has that been?

Williams: It has been approximately five months ago.

Johnson: Where were you at when you sold it?

Williams: At my home, in the dining room of my kitchen.

Johnson: What reason were ya'll talking about a gun?

Williams: It was just lying on my dining room table. He asked me if I would sell it and I told him I would.

Johnson: How much did you sell it to him for?

Williams: Approximately One Hundred Dollars.

Johnson: Approximately? How much was it?

Williams: One Hundred Dollars.

Johnson: Did he give you one bill or twenties or how?

Williams: It was twenties.

Johnson: Was this morning, afternoon, or night.

Williams: It was in the afternoon. I can't say exactly what time it was, but it was afternoon.

Johnson: In the deal with this gun, were any stipulations on him being able to try it out or anything?

Williams: Yes, Sir. I told him if it did not work to bring it back to me and I would take it back.

Johnson: Did he tell you that he tried it out?

Williams: Yes, Sir. He told me he tried it out and it worked fine.

Johnson: Did he tell you where he tried it out?

Williams: No, Sir. It might have been McCarley or Poor House Road. He stay out in the country. I don't know exactly the place.

Johnson: Did you know where...did he carry this gun often? Did you see it anytime in his possession after that?

Williams: I didn't see it any time after he told me that he had tried it out. I didn't see it then.

Johnson: Did Doyle normally carry a gun in his car or in his pocket or what?

Williams: Yes, Sir. He said he did. I don't know if everyday he carried it or what.

Johnson: He did say he had a gun.

Williams: Yes, Sir. Other than the one that I let him have.

Johnson: He indicated to you that he already had a gun of some kind?

Williams: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: But you don't know what caliber that was?

Williams: No, Sir.

Johnson: Did you ever see another gun in his possession?

Williams: No, Sir. I did not.

Johnson: Was anybody with him when he bought the gun from you?

Williams: Not at my house when he bought the gun. It might have been somebody outside in the car with him but I never did go outside. I was cooking on the inside. I was cooking a couple of pieces of steak.

Johnson: What did he come by your house for?

Williams: He would just come by there. I knowed him a long time since we we had the club down there in Carroll County. We had a night club down there. He started coming around there and shooting pool.

Johnson: Ike, where did you get this gun from?

Williams: I got it from Mr. Ferguson.

Johnson: Mr. Maurice Ferguson?

Williams: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: When did you buy that from him?

Williams: It was after the first of the year or somewhere along there. He probably got the exact date that he sold it to me. He usually keeps a record of everything.

Johnson: You think somewhere close to the first of the year?

Williams: Yes, Sir. It had to be around January or February.

Johnson: How much did you pay him for the gun?

Williams: Sixty Five Dollars.

Johnson: Was anybody there when you bought it?

Williams: No, Sir.

Johnson: Did you ever shoot the gun?

Williams: I shot it about twice.

Johnson: Where did you shoot it?

Williams: Down on the lower end of Carroll County. Down there in the woods. I made sure there was not nobody around before I shot the gun. At a lake down there.

Johnson: What did you shoot at?

Williams: I just aimed at an old stump out there. I just aimed down at that.

Johnson: Has anybody talked to you about this gun prior to me and Mr. Butler talking to you this morning?

Williams: No, Sir. I haven't discussed the gun with anyone.

Johnson: You have not talked about it to Doyle Simpson?

Williams: No, Sir.

Johnson: You have not talked about it to Curtis Flowers or anybody else?

Williams: NO, Sir. After they said Curtis was suspected of doing something like this, I rather not have any dealing with him.

Johnson: That Will conclude the statement. The time is now 10:55 A. M..